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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7337**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1901

**NOTE PREPARED:** Apr 9, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 24, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Marion County school board ballots.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Frizzell

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Miller

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill requires that the same method used to cast votes for all other candidates be used to cast votes for school board candidates in Marion County.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Summary:* Under the bill, the Marion County Clerk of the Circuit Court may see a reduction in expenditures for the production of separate ballots for school board candidates. Marion County currently uses lever voting machines. If in a given election year, the ballot allows for vacant selection levers for school board members, the County's existing lever machines should be able to be accommodated the additional candidates. School board candidates would not be required on the same ballot until elections held after December 31, 2003.

*Background:* Paper ballot cost for the 2000 General Election was about \$0.054 per ballot, or \$54 per 1,000 voters. For the 2002 Primary Election, Marion County had 550,780 registered voters. Assuming the cost to produce school board paper ballots is \$0.05 per ballot, the school board ballot cost to Marion County for the 2002 Primary would have been approximately  $(550,780 * \$0.05 = \$27,500)$ . *This fiscal impact statement will be updated as additional information becomes available.*

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Marion County Clerk of the Circuit Court.

**Information Sources:** Indiana Election Division.

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